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March, 1920, Weather.

The wind during the month of March, 1920, was the most violent of any month since the opening of this weather station sixty-four years ago. It was an unusually mild month in temperature, being two degrees warmer than the normal, although we had 4 degrees below zero on the 7th, which has occurred but eight times since 1857. This record was made:

March 8, 1857	.....	-1
March 11, 1865	.....	-3
March 8, 1867	.....	-12
March 6, 1870	.....	-5
March 17, 1865	.....	-1
March 9, 1912	.....	-0
March 2, 1913	.....	-7
March 7, 1920	.....	-4

Taking the mean temperature for the three months of 1920, it was 31.55 degrees, while the normal is 30.35, or one degree warmer in 1920 than the normal.

We are 1.24 inches of precipitation short of what we should have had. Of the total of 3.97 inches, which came in March, we have had only 4.29 inches for the three months, while we should have had to reach the normal 5.53, but it exceeded the normal for the month by 1.89 inches.

March usually gives us a generous supply of snow, but like 1917 and 1919, we only had a trace in 1920; but in 1912 we had 24.25 inches; 3 1/2 inches in 1913, 7 in 1914, and one in 1915, and none in 1918.

On the 28th tornadoes visited the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia and Alabama. 182 lives were lost, and the property loss reached many millions.

The month came in like a lamb, but went out as a lion with a 20-mile gale.

Three and a half inches of rain was reported to have fallen at Bigelow on the 24th, and much water was over the bottoms from Forest City north.

Heavy fall and rain storm visited Mound City on the 31st. Heavy hail storm at Fortescue on the 31st.

It is evident that during the past decade there has been a marked shortage in rainfall in this section, especially during the months of June, July and August.

The average annual precipitation at Oregon for the sixty-four years is 35.71 inches, the driest year being 1910, with 21.41 inches, and the wettest, 1902 with 50.74 inches. While the normal annual precipitation at Oregon is 35.71 inches, as determined from the sixty-four-year period, the average annual amount for the past decade is only 30.68 inches, thus showing an average annual deficiency of 5.03 inches since 1910.

The winter, which was officially ushered out Sunday, March 21, was the driest of many years. There was a snowstorm late in November, 1919, which covered the ground for a month, which gave the month's precipitation a boost to 4.39 inches, but during the three winter months of December, 1919, January and February, 1920, the total precipitation was only .87 of an inch. The need of heavy spring rains never has been greater. The generous rainfall for March just closed may mean a wet spring, and thus a wet crop season.

The extremes for the month of March, 1920, were:

Max.	Min.
14.....68	4.....8
22.....72	5.....3
27.....75	6.....5
30.....70	7.....4
31.....77	8.....18

(—dash preceding numeral indicates below zero.)
Mean maximum, 54; mean minimum, 30; mean, 42. Total rainfall, 3.97 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 1.75 on the 12th. There were 18 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, and 6 cloudy. Sleet and snow during the night of the 3d and 4th, melting as it fell.

One of the most brilliant auroras ever witnessed in this section was on the night of March 22, from the hour of 9:00 o'clock p. m. until after midnight.

Refuse to Parley.

Wage negotiations between the conference committees representing the railroads and the unions were broken off April 1, when the railroad representatives declined to continue consideration of demands which have been estimated to total \$1,000,000,000, unless the public was given a voice in the proceedings.

Under the provisions of the transportation act, the wage controversy now will be referred to the railroad labor board, which is yet to be appointed by President Wilson. The law provides for three representatives of the public on this board.

Coal to Climb.

Action of President Wilson's coal commission in granting bituminous mine workers a wage increase of 27 per cent, which means a price of coal at the mines will advance \$1.25 per ton. Coal at the mines in large quantities by contract has advanced from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per ton. The mine workers are free to say that this advance is unwarranted as the new wage agreement would only involve 25c a ton average increased expense.

Soldier Relief Bonus.

Soldier relief legislation with a probable provision for a cash bonus, funds for which would be raised by sales of luxuries taxes, was provided April 2 by the house ways and means committee by a vote of 1 to 6. Details of the bill to be recommended will be worked out by sub-committees. Members of the committee hope to obtain final action by the house before the contemplated summer recess.

March, 1920, Marriages.

Recorder Simpson has had a good marriage business during the month of March, having issued nine licenses during the month, which brings the total for the first three months of the year up to 32 as against only 12 for the same period in 1919. The following licenses were issued by him; those married abroad, of course, were not issued by him:

Baker, Audie, of Breckenridge, Mo., and Miss Opal Perry, of Rock Port, Mo., March 15, by Probate Judge H. M. Dungan.

Baker, Hershel A., of Forest City, and Miss Marion M. Price, of Mound City, March 20, by Rev. C. A. S. J. Chappell.

Goien, Mollie, of Corning, and Wesley W. Wade, of Fairfax, Mo., in St. Joseph, March 12.

Heck, Marvin, and Myrtle Fries, of Mound City, in Omaha, March 22.

Lawrence, Hobert, and Marie Quimby, of Craig, March 20, 1920, by Rev. John M. England.

Lawrence, Howard C., and Dena Wilson, of Craig, March 15, 1920, by Wm. Harrison Williams.

Morton, John A., and Lulu Cox, of Maitland, in St. Joseph, March 24.

Peters, Arthur W., and Florence Dorothy Wahler, of Corning, March 14, by Rev. H. Wein.

Patterson, Harry, and Mrs. Mary Gutzman, of Forbes, in St. Joseph, March 11.

Price, William, of Salem, Ind., and Miss Vinnie Boling, of Salem, Ind., March 5, by Rev. H. A. Doughty.

Stalcup, J. B., and Mrs. Millie Galbraith, of Forest City, March 3, 1920, by Rev. Chas. J. Chappell.

Schroeder, Clemence Edward, and Alvina Lucinda Wahler, of Corning, March 31, by Rev. H. Wein.

Wallace, Chas. A., and Elva Hiles, of Forest City, March 17, by Rev. Albert Martin.

Ousted.

Five Socialists, members of the New York legislature from New York City, were expelled from membership in the general assembly of that state on Thursday last, April 1. The majorities in favor of ousting the men, on charges of disloyalty were substantial, 104 to 40.

By its action the assembly established a precedent, as never before has an entire party delegation been ejected from any legislative body. Party lines disappeared in the voting. Strange as it may seem, seven of the World War veterans voted against the expulsion.

Delaware Says No.

Ratification of the equal suffrage amendment was defeated in the Delaware house of the legislature, April 1, by a vote of 23 to 9. Suffrage leaders, however, do not regard the fight as lost. The senate has yet to act on the measure. Should it pass the senate, it can again be brought before the assembly.

Suffrage leaders are now predicting that Louisiana would be the thirty-sixth state to ratify the amendment; the legislature meets May 10.

Must Expel the Turks.

Vigorous expression of President Wilson's opinion that the often expressed intention of the Allies "that the anomaly of the Turks in Europe should cease," should be carried out in framing the Turkish treaty, characterized the American rejoinder to the Allied note transmitting information on the status of treaty negotiations.

"The government of the United States understands the strength of the arguments for the retention of the Turks at Constantinople, but believes that the arguments against it are far stronger and contain certain imperative elements which it would not seem possible to ignore. It was the expressed intention of the Allies that the anomaly of the Turks in Europe should cease, and it cannot be believed that the feelings of the Mohammedan people who not only witnessed the defeat of the Turkish power without protest, but even materially assisted in the defeat, will not so resent the expulsion of the Turkish government as to make a complete reversal of policy on the part of the great powers desirable or necessary."

Assessing Damages.

Frank Walker and J. E. Slater are in Guilford, this week, going over a drainage district in that section of the country, and assessing benefits and damages to the property in the district. These two men have gained quite a reputation for this kind of work. They had charge of this work for the Platte River District, and he is said to their credit that not one law suit was brought in that district. This is very unusual and just goes to show that Messrs. Walker and Slater are mighty well posted on this drainage district work.—Geo. Conaway in News-Jeffersonian, April 2.

The H. C. L.

Friday last, April 2, congress turned its attention to increased living costs. Coal, sugar, meats and shoes are to be the main objects of congressional inquiry in due time. Reports from all over the country that soft coal prices have been increased from \$1 to \$3 a ton in 48 hours have been pouring in on senators and representatives.

Community Work.

Miss Mae Zachman's most interesting talk on Community Work, given a short time ago in our Commerce Club rooms, is now producing results. Last week a meeting was called by Mrs. Charlene Dawson, temporary chairman, for the purpose of electing officers. Those chosen were: Mrs. Edith Bunker, president; Mrs. Charlene Dawson, vice-president; Mrs. Lois Ennor, secretary, and Mrs. Frances Dungan, treasurer. The president then appointed a committee for the purpose of forming a constitution and by-laws. Another meeting will be held in the near future, to which all interested will be invited to attend.

Now, we all need to be, and will be, vitally interested if we will but consider the meaning of this big undertaking. Many of us ask why do we not have physical culture in our schools, now that we have Victrolas? Why not manual training with all rooms? Why not enough instructive games in the gymnasium to keep the young people busy and interested? Why not attractive reading and rest rooms up town for all? Why not have community singing here, where there is so much talent?

One can easily see that for all these things, good leaders are essential. Miss Zachman suggests that if a trained worker is not available, suitable local talent can be employed. We cannot expect more of our teachers, but let us expect and ask more of ourselves. Is it fair to remain idle and keep on shifting the responsibility? Let us lay aside all selfish interests for the sake of our children and the entire community.

"Can't you see it—the mistake of grasping for the material things and missing the real meaning of life?" Have we younger women been true to the example set us by the noble women of this town? Those who first organized the Woman's Union and carried on such fine work for the social and intellectual development of our town? Again the loyal members of the Chrysanthemum Society, who for many years gave us such lovely Fall Flower Festivals, and are even now caring for our beautiful cemetery? These have been, and still are the busy women—those who are big hearted and willing to put aside their own interests for the sake of the town they love. Let us overcome all petty jealousies and work as those women have worked all these years.

Now, can we not stand by those who are unselfish, by undertaking this difficult task and help make our home town the most interesting, the safest and happiest in which our children and young people can live?

We can do this only when we get in earnest and set to work. Think how all responded when the Red Cross gave its big call. Now, when mothers and friends ask for help in Community Work, remember that the need is equally as great, and those who will not help are sure to hinder.

AN INTERESTED MOTHER.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Fred McClurskey of Mound City, is boarding temporarily with Sheriff Crouser, on the charge of embezzlement. It seems from reports that McClurskey has been in enlargement of picture business, and has been using an automobile belonging to the firm, which is alleged he sold to George Wright for \$113.50.

The necessary papers were placed in the hands of Constable Oliver Simmons, and the arrested man, watching his opportunity, started on a "French leave" mission from the Gladstone hotel, going south and west at break-neck speed, and in attempting to jump across Davis Creek, fell short from landing on the other side, and went into the creek up to his neck, and he took a water and mud bath, which required the efforts of three or four men to extricate him—but they got him "dead to rights."

He was arraigned before the justice of the peace, and waived examination. Deputy Sheriff Morse then brought him to Oregon and he was turned over to Sheriff Crouser, in default of bail to await the coming May term of court.

Improving the Old Home.

Since buying his father's old place of twenty acres, just east of the city limits, Albert Kunkel has shown the right spirit by the planting of trees—nineteen of these being large sized white pines, planted along the driveway and lawn. These along with the stately evergreens, planted by his father, Gideon Kunkel, some thirty years ago, make the farm name "Evergreen Heights" a very appropriate one. It will be of interest to note that all of these evergreens came from the Murray Nurseries, owned by Mrs. Albert's father and brothers, the late N. F. Murray and sons, Joe and George.

Rev. J. S. Cunningham and family are now occupying the Kunkel orchard place, one mile south of town, while Mr. C. has charge of the vacant churches of the St. Joseph Presbytery.

Kindly Words.

A pleasant letter comes to us from C. W. Hurst, who is now at McAllen, Texas, and we are glad to hear of the good health of himself and family, and that he is prospering. He says he is farming 80 acres this year, and will soon have 14 acres of cabbage to harvest. Corn and cotton are up and look most promising. Grape fruit and lemons are in bloom, and peaches are as large as quail eggs. He sent us some onions, which were planted Oct. 1, 1919. They are here, Chris, and they are as fine as one could wish.

—Easter Program, Methodist church, Sunday, April 11, at 11 a. m.

Mustered Out.

Another of those brave men who answered their country's call in the days of the Civil War, has answered his last roll call, and has been mustered out of the ranks of the grand army here below.

James Guthrie, who during his entire life of nearly 77 years has resided in Holt county, died at his home in Mound City, Monday of this week, April 5, in the 77th year of his age. His life was as an open book. He lived true to the Golden Rule, and leaves to his children the record of an honorable, clean, upright life, and one who was respected by all who knew him.

The deceased was the son of the late Albert Guthrie, who located in this county in 1842, and entered the land recently owned by Omer Williams, and later came to Oregon, where the family occupied the lot, where the now Mrs. Flora Hinde residence is, and where the deceased was born, as also his sister, Mrs. Wm. Turnham.

James Guthrie was born September 17, 1843, and his life was spent on the farm, his father having later went to a farm in the Lincoln district. On the coming on of the Civil War, he entered the Union army, as a member of Capt. Edgar Allen's company of the 3rd Mo. Infantry, and saw much service.

On April 28, 1868, he married Mary, a daughter of the late Isaac Hayes, who died in 1880 at the age of 102 years. The couple began life farming in the Kimsey district, and later he disposed of this farm to his son, Albert, and moved to Mound City, where he has lived a quiet, unpretentious, retired life.

There was born to this couple ten children, all of whom with the widow survive, and the father's passing is the first death in this family. The children surviving are: Mrs. Wm. Smith and Freeman, of Maitland; James A. and Mrs. Grant Buckles, of the Benton district; Seth A. and Mrs. Philip Fuhrman, of Oklamaha; Joseph, of near Skidmore; Mrs. James Bishop and Mrs. Wm. Nowles, of Mound City; Mrs. Bivli Beeler, of Wisconsin. Mr. Guthrie also leaves 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother, Nelson, of Mound City, and a sister, Mrs. Wm. Turnham, of Oregon.

His father died Feb. 15, 1896, aged 81. His mother, June 10, 1903, aged 76; his brother, Joshua, Feb. 3, 1920, age 54.

All his children were at his bedside when the boatman came to take him over to the other shore, excepting his daughter, Mrs. Beeler, of Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held from the Benton church, Wednesday morning, by Elder Howard, of the Mound City Christian church, the interment being in the Benton cemetery beside his father and mother.

Another of the heroes of '61-64 answered the final bugle call, March 31, 1920, when Levi Lynch was mustered into the ranks beyond the river of death.

Mr. Lynch was born near Benton, Illinois, September 26, 1844. At the early age of 17 he answered the call of his country for volunteers, enlisting in Co. L, 10th Regiment, Illinois Cavalry. He served his time in this company, and re-enlisted in Co. F, 15th Regiment, Illinois Cavalry, and served until the close of the war.

He returned to his native state, then went to Kansas, settling near Troy. There he was married to Miss Mary E. Morrow, June 4, 1871. His wife died November 22, 1886.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter, Frank, of Oregon, Mo., (he and family living with his father); Mrs. Harrison Massangale, of Craig, Mo.; Bert, of Scotts Bluff, Neb.; Tommy, of White Cloud, Kansas, and eleven grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted at the home Thursday, April 1, at 2:30 o'clock, by Albert Martin, of Forest City; interment in Maple Grove cemetery. X. X.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our father; and also for the floral offerings, and the use of automobiles to the cemetery. FRANK LYNCH. MRS. H. MASSANGALE. BERT LYNCH. TOMMY LYNCH.

Down in Texas.

News comes to us, through the Corning Mirror, of the marriage of one of Holt's former very dear girls, and for some four years an Oregon girl, Miss Jenus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O. Dankers, our former recorder of deeds, to Mr. Frits W. Grunn. Both are residents of McAllen, Texas, where the Dankers are now located. The couple went to Mercedes, Texas, a nearby town, where they plighted their faith on Sunday, March 21.

The groom is an assistant manager of a string of movie shows through Texas and New Mexico, and are now at home in McAllen.

The bride is a most lovable woman, and her former school mates and friends, in and around Oregon, hope that she has chosen wisely and well, and that she may enjoy a long, sweet married life. The Sentinel sends its hearty congratulations.

—The Community Service Club will meet at the Commerce Club room, at 2:30 p. m., Friday, April 9, for the transaction of important business. All men interested in this work, as well as women, should try to attend this meeting. SECRETARY.

The Easter Storm.

Never before in the history of weather records at this place has this county and all of North Missouri witnessed such a pre-Easter blizzard as that which came swooping down on us Saturday forenoon last, April 3, and continuing through the night well into early morning, and with the coming of Easter, witnessed a 6 1/2-inch blanket of snow, covering the earth.

The storm came from Minnesota and the Dakotas, with a driving 30-mile gale, accompanied by snow, forcing it into drifts, almost paralyzing traffic of all kinds. The storm covered a large area of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas.

The temperature was biting cold Easter morning, the lowest being 17 and the highest was 28 degrees, and at no time during the day was the temperature above freezing, hence Easter togs did not jibe with Easter weather conditions.

The chances are that the storm will prove injurious to fruit, peaches, apricots and small varieties. Up to the time of this storm our fruit prospects were most promising, but the unexpected will happen.

Storms at this season of the year are not uncommon.

The following is our record of measurable April snows at this station during the past sixty-three years:

1857.....2.00	1873.....3.15
1858.....2.50	1874.....3.00
1859.....7.75	1875.....1.50
1861.....1.00	1876.....1.92
1864.....2.10	1877......30
1865.....3.60	1880......08
1867......45	1881.....1.25
1869.....1.35	1882.....1.10
1870......25	1883......08
1871......05	1884.....4.80
1885......25	1903......75
1886.....2.60	1904.....2.50
1892.....2.50	1905.....1.00
1899.....3.40	1912.....1.75
1900......10	1917.....trace
1901.....2.00	1918.....9.50
1902.....1.30	1920.....6.50

Taking the sixty-three-year period it will be seen that including April, 1920, we have had a measurable snow-fall thirty-three of these sixty-three Aprils.

It will also be noted that the heaviest April snowfall was 9.50 inches, which fell on the 19th and 20th of the month, April, 1918. The second heaviest came April 12, 1859, and the third heaviest April 3-4, 1920, and measured 6.50 inches, which gave us a white Easter, April 4.

Easter day, 1917, April 7, was much like that of 1920, though not so severe—a light snow fell on the night of the 6-7th, but melted rapidly, but in unexposed places the snow remained and gave us, meteorologically, a white Easter, clear, but cloudy, Easter, 1919, was a clear and perfect day for millinery display and came April 20.

The coldest April day ever experienced here was 8 degrees above zero on the 8th in 1859, and the coldest April month was in 1857 when the mean was 37 degrees, the mean normal being 53 degrees. The coldest mean for the month in the past fifteen years was 44 degrees in 1907 and 1917.

"The uncertain glory of an April day" was penned by Shakespeare.

American Legion.

A Post of the American Legion has been organized at Craig and given the title of the George C. Story Post, in honor of George Story, of Craig, who was a member of Company I, 56th Infantry, 89th Division, and who made the supreme sacrifice in the St. Mihiel engagement, October 6, 1918. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Story, and was every way the ideal soldier. Frank Mead, of near this city, was a company comrade. The following is the roster of the officers:

Post Commander, Dr. J. C. Ottman. Vice Commander, C. C. Watters. Adjutant, W. H. Fell. Treasurer, Donald Biggs. Service Officer, Harry Swan. Employment Officer, Glen Neely. Chaplain, Adolph Dege. Historian, Ralph Ramsey. Athletic Officer, John Odell. Sergeant-at-Arms, Floyd Proper.

Left A Will.

The will of Henry Fuhrman, who died May 14, 1919, was filed for probate last week. It was executed Dec. 14, 1918, and witnessed by A. H. Morris and S. A. Bennett. No executor was named in the will. He left his home place in Mound City to his wife, absolute. Having previously provided for his children, no bequests were made to them. There will be no administration of this estate.

Death of Thomas Story.

News comes to us, through the Craig Leader, of the death of Thomas Story, which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Beachcamp, at Falls City, Nebraska, Wednesday of last week, March 31, aged 80 years. The body was brought to Craig, and the funeral services were held from the home of his brother, Matt Story. The deceased for many years was a resident of Craig and vicinity, and was of a happy jolly disposition that won for him many friends, and they will regret most keenly his passing.

For Congress.

Judge W. K. James, of Andrew county, has made his formal announcement as a candidate for congress on the Democratic primary ticket. This came immediately following Mr. Booher's announcement that he would not be a candidate. He ranks high among the Democrats of the district, and stands at the very pinnacle of citizenship in estimation of all, irrespective of party affiliations.

—Dr. C. F. Hager and wife, of Johnston, Pa., who were with C. D. Zook and wife, in California, this winter, and who remained for a few days' longer stay on the coast than the Zooks, arrived here Monday of this week, where they will remain for a few days' visit, and will then leave for their home in Johnston.

The Election.

Our city election came on schedule time Tuesday of this week, April 6, following the great Easter storm. There were no riot calls, and while there was spirited contests for some of the offices, there was a good feeling all through the contest. When the votes were finally counted they showed the following to have been elected:

Mayor, Wm. F. Bragg. Collector and Marshal, Perry Kee. Alderman, East Ward, E. A. Dunham. Alderman, West Ward, Howard S. Teare.

In the school election the results proved as it ever does—that Oregon is a school town and keeps its place in the very front rank in the educational procession. There were two tax propositions submitted to the taxpayers.

The first, asking for an additional tax of 60 cents to maintain a nine months' school.

The second, the board asked for an additional tax of 25c on the \$100 for building and repairs.

Both propositions carried by a five to one vote.

For school directors, Dan B. Kunkel and W. S. Hodgins were elected by a handsome vote. Mr. Hodgins was re-elected, and Mr. Kunkel becomes a new member of the board.

The new city council, with its two holdovers, Messrs. Simpson, of the West Ward, and King, of the East, with Mayor Bragg in the chair, will be able to start things with plenty of cash on hand in the treasury, handed over to them by the retiring mayor, C. L. Evans, as follows:

Cash on hand in city purpose fund.....\$3,165
Cash on hand in water and light fund.....546
Cash on hand in bond fund.....1,058
Time certificate.....4,500
Gentlemen, let your light shine.

Meeting of the Holt County Medical Society.

The County Medical Society met at the court house in Oregon, Thursday, April 1. Dr. J. L. Minton, of Fortescue, is president and was present and presided at the meeting. Fortescue was well represented, Drs. Lefe and Ike Minton and J. L. Cox being in attendance. Mrs. J. L. Cox, of Fortescue, and C. P. Fryer, of Maitland, were admitted to membership. Dr. Bullock, of Forest City, presented a paper on Perinaeorrhaphia, and Dr. Chandler, of Oregon, read a paper on High Blood Pressure as a cause for a factor in Insomnia. The papers were thoroughly discussed by the members, bringing out many points of interest to all present.

It was decided that the next meeting of the society be at Maitland, July 15, at 1 p. m. X. X.

Flood Coming.

The entire west end of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is threatened with inundation by a sudden rise in the Missouri river, on Tuesday of this week. The water is reported steadily rising to the top of hastily constructed levees north of the city. The water at noon Tuesday was reported 18 inches above flood stage, and still rising slowly. It looks very much like the conditions of 1915 were to be repeated this year.

Cross the Rhine.

The French government has decided to occupy with French troops the German cities of Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Homburg and Hanan, and their vicinity on the right bank of the Rhine in reprisal for the invasion of the Rhine basin in the neutral zone by German governmental troops in violation of the Versailles treaty and as guarantee of their withdrawal. The occupation may be expected at any time.

—Ed Roscoe is back from Cheyenne Wells, Colo., where he has been driving nails for several months.